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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S. INDUSTRY COOPERATION WITH
CZECHOSLOVAK AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

REF: PRAGUE 500

1. CONCUR WITH APPROACH SUGGESTED PARA 4 REFTEL. G.M. HAS
INFORMED US THAT IT REMAINS INTERESTED IN FINDING
ANY FEASIBLE WAY OF COOPERATION WITH THE CZECH MOTOR INDUSTRY.
THIS INCLUDES BOTH CARS AND TRUCKS. COMPANY HAS BRIEFED
CZECH COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK CITY REGARDING THEIR
CONTINUED INTEREST. G.M. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND
INVITATION TO CIHAK AND HANUS TO VISIT CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS
NEXT TIME THEY ARE IN NYC AREA TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF G.M.
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MANAGEMENT. OUR CONVERSATIONS TO DATE WITH FORD, CHRYSLER,

AND AMERICAN MOTORS HAVE NOT SHOWN ANY SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST ON THEIR PART FOR PARTICIPATION IN CZECH AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH THIS COULD OF COURSE, CHANGE. CHARGE MIGHT ALSO WISH TO USE OCCASION OF LUNCHEON TO INDICATE THAT NUMBER OF AMERICAN MACHINE TOOL COMPANIES REMAIN INTERESTED IN PLANNED EXPANSION OF THE SKODA WORKS AT MLADA BOLESLAV AND TATRA. CZECH FOLLOWUP ON LAST MAY'S ZAPADLO VISIT HAS BEEN MINIMAL.

2. SUBSTANCE OF TATRA LETTER (PRAGUE 126) INDIVIDUALLY CONVEYED TO AMERICAN FIRMS MENTIONED, AND ALL WERE REQUESTED TO FORWARD LITERATURE TO TATRA.

3. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL.
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